

The International Union of Police Associations (IUPA)

The IUPA, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO, has opposed PSOs for a number of years. The group considers the consolidation of police and fire services ***“as a false economy that will impair the operation of both these essential services.”***

(Personal Interview with Dennis Slocumb, IUPA Vice President, 5/06)

The IUPA also endorses local efforts ***“to maintain the individuality of the police and fire services and ... produce and perfect the proficiency and effectiveness of both the police and fire services until each reaches the completely professional status the citizens of our country have a right to expect.”***

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It is important to note that although the IUPA is on record against PSOs, some police associations or unions take a more slanted view of it and even use it as a means to boost their membership and increase their revenues.